

**MINUTES
OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
NOVEMBER 25, 2008
7:00 A.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. in the Community Room of City Hall. Answering rollcall were: Members Housh, Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Member Bennett entered the meeting at 7:12 a.m. Absent was Member Masica. Staff present included: Gordon Hughes, City Manager; John Wallin, Finance Director, Eric Roggeman, Assistant Finance Director; Wayne Houle, City Engineer/Public Works Director; Roger Glanzer, Utility Superintendent; John Keprios, Park & Recreation Director; and Debra Mangan, City Clerk.

Mayor Hovland stated the purpose of the meeting was to continue the review of the City of Edina's Capital Improvement Plan. Manager Hughes noted the Capital Improvement Plan was really a one year budget and a four year plan. He suggested that the Council start with the non enterprise CIP and on December 16 at a work session the City's various enterprise CIP and Business Plans could be reviewed.

Park Director Keprios briefly reviewed the 2009 Projects for Park & Recreation including: Pamela Park Playground, Pamela Park batting/pitching cages, Walnut Ridge Park hockey rink relocation, Arneson Acres Park window replacement, Normandale Park tennis courts rebuild, and Bredesen Park pathway renovations. Questions included whether there was the possibility of working with the Edina Foundation to focus on specific park improvements, screening at Pamela Park and noting that much of the Park Department's improvements were maintenance of existing facilities.

City Engineer Houle reviewed the proposed 2009 Improvements from Public Works including: Mill and overlay Blake Road (Vernon to Interlachen), Northeast Edina Traffic Calming, Braemar Cold Storage-Fire Suppression, Neighborhood Street Reconstruction Program, Sidewalks/Pathways funded by MSA, Sidewalks/Pathways funded by City, France Avenue sidewalk (48th to 49th) and mill and overlay West 70th Street and Metro Boulevard. Discussion included questions on surveys of residents, France Avenue Sidewalks, possibility of changing Tracy Avenue to asphalt and chances of federal funding for any CIP projects.

Mr. Hughes reviewed the Building Inspections' Complaint Administration software and Municipal Building Fiber optic projects.

Council briefly discussed the advisability of moving forward with the ConAgra property purchase for a new Public Works site. Members Housh and Swenson and Mayor Hovland supported moving forward with the levy. Member Bennett expressed her concerns about access to the site and transportation issues as well as concern over the economy.

Assistant Finance Director Roggeman reviewed the potential revenues necessary to fund the 2009 portion of the CIP. Discussion included: Construction Fund and sources for the fund such as increasing taxes, potential franchise fees, and capital levies. It was noted the CIP was conservative in establishing the Construction Fund Balance.

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The Council reviewed the 2009 Utility CIP including: Watermain/Sanitary Sewer: Country Club area, Lift Station #1 (4041 Sunnyside Road), Lift Station #2 (4200 Grimes Avenue), Lift Station #7 (4021 Grimes Avenue), Well #13 (6721 2nd Street), New Water Treatment Plant (#5), Morningside Watermain Lining, Water System Improvements, Sanitary Sewer Improvements, Pond & Lake Dredging, Storm Sewer – Pipe and Grading Improvements, Annual Vehicle Replacements and SCADA Upgrades. Discussion included centralized vs. decentralized water treatment, removal of iron and manganese from the water and status of the utility rate study

There being no further business, Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 9: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mangen, City Clerk